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of the petitioner is illegal or improper.'' When private individuals can be arrested under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, there is nothing to show that a Member of this House cannot be arrested under it.

The Hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram has also contended that he has been arrested within the immunity period of 40 days. This immunity period applies only for arrests under civil process. As the arrest of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram was not under civil process, there is no immunity period.

Sri Kalyanasundaram's contention that he must be informed of the reasons for his arrest is not correct. The only condition is that the House should be informed of the cause for the arrest and that the Member is detained from service in the House. The House is to be informed through the Speaker, and this has been done in this case. The Commissioner of Police informed me on the 13th July itself of the arrest. The fact of the arrest has also been communicated to the Hon. Members as the House was not sitting at the time. This also does not involve a question of privilege.

I, therefore, rule that there is no *prima facie* case made out in this case.

(2) ALLEGED INCORRECT ANSWER TO A QUESTION.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI: Sir, I gave notice of a privilege motion and I want to know what happened to that. 9-30 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member has raised a question of privilege. I am doubtful whether it would come under privilege. The argument of the hon. Member is that in reply to his starred question No. 479 answered by the Hon. Minister for Works on 20th August 1960, the Minister for Works had stated that the question of sharing of Parambikulam and Cauvery waters was of a confidential nature and that the information could not be furnished at that stage. In respect of Parambikulam and Aliyar, however, the reply stated that the final agreement between Madras and Kerala State was reached at Delhi on 4th July 1960. To a supplementary question from the hon. Member whether a statement in regard to Parambikulam and Aliyar project could be placed on the table of the House, the Minister replied that a statement had already been laid on the table of the House. The contention of the hon. Member is that the reply to the supplementary is contrary to facts, as such a statement had not so far been laid on the table of the House and that therefore this is an incorrect and misleading statement and involved a breach of privilege.

I will explain to the hon. Member the peculiar circumstances under which there was this difference. The questions given notice of on the matter were Question No. 107 on 18th May 1960 and

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Question No. 479 on 2nd June 1960. The answer to the second question came earlier and the question was included in the questions list. The answer to the first question was received later. This gave rise to most of the misunderstanding and difference. Apart from that even on the merits of the case, I am afraid the hon. Member has no point which will amount to a breach of privilege. The allegation that a misleading statement or an incorrect statement has been made or the Hon. Minister has not answered a question correctly cannot constitute a breach of privilege. On merits, the matter raised by the hon. Member does not involve a breach of privilege. I, therefore, rule it out of order.

III CALLING ATTENTION TO LOW STORAGE POSITION IN METTUR RESERVOIR.

Mr. Speaker : I have received notice under Rule 41 from the hon. Member Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer who will now speak.

* Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer : Sir, I desire to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Works to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the low storage position in Mettur Reservoir, inadequate supply of water for irrigation from the Mettur Reservoir and the proposed introduction of turn system in the Cauvery delta far in advance of, the usual date and the consequent panic and anixety prevalent among ryots in Thanjavur district.

Sir, the storage position in Mettur Reservoir this year since 15th June, when it was opened for irrigation, has been causing the greatest anxiety to Government, the P.W.D., authorities and the ryots in Thanjavur district. On 30th July, the level of water in Mettur was only 63·1′ and and on the 3rd July, it was only 50′. Therefore on 30th July, Government contemplated introduction of turn-system even from 15th August. Fortunately there was a little more rain. Even to-day, till yesterday evening, the situation has not improved much and the level of water is low—101′. Last year we had normal rains and the reservoir was full (120′). This year the reservoir is not full. The inflow is very low being 18,000 cusecs only and it is below normal. Perhaps the introduction of turn-system may be postponed by a few days but it is inevitable far in advance of the usual date. The inflow into Mettur Reservoir has gone down very much. Last year by this time Mettur was surplusing (top level 120 feet). Even from now onwards we require nearly two lakh million cubic feet of water for the remaining part of the irrigation season. We have only about one-third of that quantity in storage. The storage position on the 17th morning was still less. How long will this last? Assume for a moment the North East Monsoon fails, what will be our position? It is for this reason and at this juncture we have to look back and find out the reason for the low storage this year. We are not far below the average rainfall at Mercara.